



VIA ECFS

April 24, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service Under Tariff and Continued Provision of Service on a Permissive Detariffed Basis

CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch,

In accordance with the FCC's 2005 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*¹, Wheat State Telephone, Inc., Study Area Code 411847, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's discontinuance of common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, effective July 2, 2019. Wheat State Telephone, Inc. will continue to provide common carrier wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis. In addition, following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Wheat State Telephone, Inc. furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Company's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission, the Governor of Kansas, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Hoffman".

Mr. Randy Hoffman
General Manager, Wheat State Telephone
Phone: (620) 782-3341

Attachment

¹ *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33, *et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

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Study Area Code 411847

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Wheat State Telephone, Inc. currently offers common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Wheat State Telephone, Inc. hereby provides notice that the Company has requested from NECA that it remove the Company as a provider of Digital Subscriber Line Access Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective July 2, 2019.

Furthermore, Wheat State Telephone, Inc. will continue to provide common carrier wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis. Wheat State Telephone, Inc. will post the rates, terms and conditions of its broadband Internet access transmission services to its website of www.wheatstate.com. The Company will also make physical copies of its offering reflecting the rates, terms and conditions available for public inspection at its business office, at the addresses provided below:

Wheat State Telephone, Inc.
106 W. 1st
Udall, KS 67146

The discontinuance of Wheat State Telephone, Inc.'s offering of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, and the continued provision of such service on a detariffed basis, will apply to the entirety of the Company's study area. This includes the following exchanges: Cassoday, Matfield Green, Olpe, Potwin, Rock, and Udall.

Wheat State Telephone, Inc. currently has only one customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service. That customer is the Company's own non-regulated Internet service provider (ISP) affiliate. The Company's affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission service for use as an input for the broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission service will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Company's affiliated ISP.

On April 24, 2019, Wheat State Telephone, Inc. furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Company's plan to discontinue its provisioning of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff and to continue providing such service on a detariffed basis.

cc: Kansas Corporation Commission
Governor of the State of Kansas
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense

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To: Wheat State Technologies Internet Service Provider

From: Randy Hoffman, General Manager, Wheat State Telephone

Date: April 24, 2019

RE: Notice of Detariffing of Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Wheat State Telephone, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Wheat State Telephone, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 2, 2019, Wheat State Telephone, Inc. will no longer offer its transmission service under the NECA tariff. Instead, the Company will provide broadband Internet access transmission service on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis.

The discontinuance of Wheat State Telephone, Inc.'s offering of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, and the continued provision of such service on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis, will apply to the entirety of the Company's service area. This includes the following exchanges: Cassoday, Matfield Green, Olpe, Potwin, Rock, and Udall.

To view the rates, terms and conditions of our broadband Internet access transmission services, please visit the Company's website at www.wheatstate.com. In addition, printed copies of the rates, terms and conditions will be available at our office, during normal business hours.

Wheat State Telephone, Inc.
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Please note that the existing relevant rates, terms and conditions of your service will not change until the end of your existing term or upon replacement of a new agreement under the detariffed rates, terms and conditions.

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